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1. SUMMARY: UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZIMBA ACCEPTS ASSURANCES THAT US IS NOT COMMITTED TO AN AFRICAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE WITH A MANDATE BEYOND SHABA; QUESTIONS WHETHER MOBUTU IS PREPARED TO TAKE STEPS LEADING TO RECONCILIATION WITH POPULACE OF SHABA AND WITH GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA; SAYS GRZ WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH FORCE IN SHABA OPERATING UNDER OAU MANDATE; AND IS RETICENT IN EXPRESSING POSITION OF GRZ ON AN OAU PEACE KEEPING FORCE WITH A BROAD MANDATE. WE BELIEVE WE CANNOT COUNT ON GRZ TO PROMOTE IN THE OAU SUPPORT FOR EITHER AN OAU MANDATE FOR SHABA FORCE OR FOR FORCE WITH WIDER RANGING RESPONSIBILITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. REFTEL B WITH ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS ARRIVED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED MEETING MORNING JUNE 14 WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZIMBA TO DISCUSS POINTS IN REFTEL A AND WERE INCORPORATED IN OUR PRESENTATION. ZIMBA PROMISED, AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL, BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTER. GIVEN OUR PREVIOUS INTERVENTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH GRZ (SEE LUSAKA REFTELS), WE BELIEVE ANOTHER DEMARCHE AT THIS TIME WOULD RISK OVERLOADING THE CIRCUITS.

3. ZIMBA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WELCOMED AND ACCEPTED ASSURANCES, AS IT HAD THOSE GIVEN PREVIOUSLY, THAT THE USG WAS LIMITING ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE SHABA PEACE KEEPING FORCE AND THAT US AFRICAN POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED. QUESTION OF THE SHABA FORCE WOULD PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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SENT A THORNY BUT PROBABLY MANAGEABLE ISSUE FOR THE OAU IN KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, IF SUCH A FORCE WAS SEEN AS A STEP TOWARDS AN AFRICAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE WITH A BROAD MANDATE OUTSIDE AN OAU FRAMEWORK, IT COULD CAUSE UNTENABLE STRAINS WITHIN THAT ORGANIZATION.

4. RETURNING TO A FAVORITE THEME OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA, ZIMBA ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INDICATION THAT MOBUTU WAS PREPARED TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION WITH THE POPULATION OF SHABA OR WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH STEPS, THE ROOT CAUSE OF CONFLICT WOULD REMAIN AND ANY TYPE OF PEACE KEEPING FORCE WOULD BE OF LIMITED VALUE. ZIMBA NOTED THAT NETO HAS MADE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO DISARM AND MOVE THE KATANGESE FROM THE SHABA BORDER. HE DID NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPT THESE STATEMENTS AT FACE VALUE. HOWEVER, ON MOBUTU'S SIDE THERE SEEMED TO BE NO HINT OF MOVES WHICH WOULD LESSEN TENSION.

5. ZIMBA REPEATED MARK CHONA'S THEME THAT THE GRZ DID NOT SUPPORT THE PRESENT OUTSIDE MILITARY PRESENCE IN SHABA BUT ON THE OTHER HAND DID NOT OPPOSE IT. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A PEACE KEEPING FORCE

IN SHABA OPERATING UNDER AN OAU MANDATE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT WHAT THE GRZ'S POSITION WOULD BE AT KHARTOUM ON AN OAU PEACE KEEPING FORCE TO BE STATIONED ALONG THE ZAIRE-ANGOLA FRONTIER. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE GRZ WOULD SUPPORT AN OAU FORCE FORMED TO DEAL WITH WIDER PROBLEMS OF SECURITY IN AFRICA.

6. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THE GRZ IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA OF AN OUTSIDE PEACE KEEPING FORCE SUPPORTED BY THE US AND EUROPEAN POWERS OPERATING IN SHABA. HOWEVER, ZAMBIA HAS AN IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN SECURITY ON ITS BORDER AND IN MAINTAINING AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE. THEREFORE, IT HAS TAKEN THE POSITION OF NOT SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING A PEACE KEEPING FORCE LIMITED TO SHABA. IF THERE

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WERE SOME CHANCE OF GETTING AN OAU MANDATE FOR THE PEACE KEEPING FORCE FOR SHABA, ZAMBIA COULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE IDEA AND WORK FOR IT. BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE ZAMBIANS CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO BE MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN GAINING AN OAU CONSENSUS FOR SUCH A FORCE. FURTHER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE GRZ WOULD BE PREPARED TO BACK AN OAU FORCE WITH A MANDATE BEYOND SHABA.

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